GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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FOODGRAINS AT BPL RATES TO ANGANWADI CENTRES
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Government has requested to the Union Government to provide rice and wheat at Below Poverty Line (BPL) rates to the Anganwadi centres during 2010-11;

(b) if so, the quantity demanded and released therefor; and

(c) the time by which the remaining quantity is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (c): Foodgrains (Wheat/Rice) are allocated to the States/UTs on a quarterly basis, at BPL rates, under the Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) for use as Supplementary Nutrition under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.

For 2010-11, request for allocation of 2,31,150 MTs of Rice was received from the Government of West Bengal. Of this, 1,15,576 MTs of Rice has already been allocated to the State for the three quarters of 2010-11. Further allotment of foodgrains would be made subject to the lifting of quantity allocated under the Programme.